



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

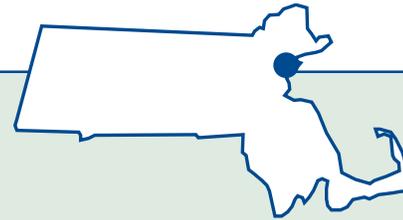
Peabody, MA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Peabody was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in northeast Massachusetts, the City of Peabody (population 48,129) has suffered from flooding, with four major floods occurring in the last 10 years. The urban center of the city, which has been most affected by the floods, is an area with low-income housing and a poverty rate of 25.3 percent, nearly five times the city rate. The City of Peabody plans to assess the area adjacent to the North River as a first step in implementing the North River Widening Project, a project designed to reduce the risk of flooding within the city. This section of the North River has a long history of industrial activities, such as tanneries, commercial cleaners, and electronic equipment manufacturers. Brownfields cleanup and redevelopment is expected to reduce



Assessment Grant

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\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Peabody for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I and II environmental site assessments and an ecological risk assessment at sites along the banks of the North River, a flood-prone former industrial area.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

future flooding and facilitate the development of the planned Downtown Riverwalk and greenspace. Revitalization of the brownfields sites is expected to enhance commercial and residential development in the underutilized downtown areas adjacent to the North River.